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FOR SSM KNOTOS ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SFM SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

REFERENCE: STATE 175740

1. WE ARE GRATIFIED TO LEARN THAT E-SYSTEMS GREENVILLE HAS VERBALLY AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO COMPLY WITH OUR WISHES ON IMPROVEMENT OF SECURITY POSTURE. TRUST THAT THIS VERBAL AGREEMENT WILL BE PUT INTO WRITING SO AS TO PROVIDE TOTAL CLARIFICATION OF THE ISSUE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY AND HOW THE USG COMPONENT OF SFM INTERFACES WITH THE CONTRACTOR. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SUCH CLARIFICATION MAY REQUIRE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT. SPECIFICALLY, IT MUST BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE USG SECURITY OFFICER, REPRESENTING THE DIRECTOR OF SFM, WILL OVERSEE DAY-TO-DAY SECURITY OPERATIONS AND PLAN FOR IMPROVING OUR SECURITY SITUATION. IN CARRYING OUT THESE RESPONSIBILITIES WE WOULD OF COURSE WORK WITHIN EXISTING ORGANIZATIONAL CONCEPTS. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT SUCH CLARIFICATION WILL GENERATE EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM E-SY GREENVILLE TO E-SY MANAGEMENT HERE MAKING IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT WHO IS IN CHARGE UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS. UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS I WOULD CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE TO WORK WITHIN THE NORMAL ORGANIZATIONAL LINES OF AUTHORITY BUT I
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DO NOT WANT TO BE BOUND BY SUCH RESTRICTIONS. I AM SURE YOU WILL AGREE THAT SHOULD THE BALLOON GO UP WE CANNOT HAVE ANY FOOT-DRAGGING OR QUESTIONING THE DECISIONS OF THE DIRECTOR OF SFM. I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH WOULD BE THE CASE, BUT I MUCH PREFER THAT WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS REMOVE ANY LINGERING AMBIGUITIES.

2. KAPPLE HAS ALREADY RAISED WITH ME THE ISSUE OF RENEWAL OR EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS OF CURRENT MEMBERS OF GUARD FORCE. WHILE I AM NOT OPPOSED TO EXTENSION OF PRESENT GUARDS PENDING RECRUITMENT OF MORE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL, I WANT TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE NOT BOXED INTO A DIFFICULT SITUATION THROUGH EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE RECRUITMENT POLICY. COPY OF BROWN REPORT HAS BEEN LEAKED AND GUARDS ARE AWARE OF BROWN'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING GUARD QUALIFICATIONS. THIS PARTICULAR ASPECT MUST BE HANDLED WITH EXTREME TACT AND CAUTION TO ENSURE THAT A MAJOR CAMP MORALE PROBLEM DOES NOT ENSUE.

3. I BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY THAT WE CANNOT MOVE AHEAD IN A MEANINGFUL AND EFFECTIVE FASHION TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF AN IMPROVED SECURITY POSTURE UNTIL A FULL-TIME SECURITY OFFICER HAS BEEN ASSIGNED. REQUEST THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO IDENTIFY AND ASSIGN SUITABLE OFFICER AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

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